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POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Feb. 13, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb

Bowling Center hours change

The Bowling Center, building 2342, has new hours. On Sunday, the center is open noon to 7 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to midnight; and on Saturday, 1 p.m. to midnight.

The Bowling Center offers great lunchtime specials, open bowling, leagues for youths and adults, special parties, organization day events and more.

For more information, call Dave Brewner, manager, at 410-278-4041.

USAA provides deployment guide for families

Since the war on terrorism began, thousands of U.S. troops have been called into action, and thousands more stand ready to deploy. For some families, this resulted in one parent taking over tasks usually shared by two.

USAA has a free deployment guide available to active duty servicemembers, National Guard and Reserve servicemembers. The guide offers help in arranging personal finances before deploying for military commitments abroad.

The guide contains helpful tips on preparing financially, legally and emotionally for separation from loved ones. The booklet also contains a two-page checklist of important arrangements that are best made before a service member leaves for duty. There is also a list of important business and emergency contacts to complete and leave with loved ones.

Donna's offers bagels, coffee

Donna's Pit Beef, located in building 3245, is now open 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, and has added bagels, coffee, hot chocolate, juice and milk to the menu. For more information, call 410-272-7730.

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Photo by JOSEPH ONDECK

From his treetop perch, a bald eagle gazes across Aberdeen Proving Ground. A January count of the installation's bald eagles found 119, down from 239 in 2001.

Volunteers tally 119 APG bald eagles

Yvonne Johnson

APG News

Six Aberdeen Proving Ground employees soared with eagles last month scanning the installation for a count of the elusive birds.

Using a UH-1 helicopter, the volunteers participated in an annual survey that is held nationwide for the National Wildlife Federation.

Jim Pottie, fish and wildlife biologist for the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, said the eagle count has been conducted annually at APG for the past 25 years.

"The federation does a national survey utilizing state agencies that organize volunteers and assign sectors," Pottie said. "The count takes place across the country within a one-week time period," Pottie said.

At APG, volunteers counted 119 eagles and 42 nests.

Pottie said the count was down from last year, perhaps due to the mild weather.

"We had an unusually warm winter, unlike last year's, which was cold," he said.

Because many northern birds move down the Chesapeake in search of food, "we haven't had as many new birds because food has been plentiful," Pottie said noting that APG hosts three types of eagle populations, the residents, northern birds and southern birds.

"Northern birds from New England and southern birds from the Carolinas intermingle with APG birds who don't move that often because food is plentiful.

"They follow the food," Pottie said

Counting eagles is not difficult and precautions are taken to ensure there are no double counts. Flying over designated sectors, personnel are tasked with spotting eagles and eagle nests and marking sightings on a map. Six pairs of eyes completed the task in one morning, flying approximately 100 miles around the installation," Pottie said.

He recalled that the population has increased slowly over the

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Centralized management to improve quality of life

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

Army News Service

Installation management will be centralized by Oct. 1 to improve quality of life for soldiers and their families and save money at the same time, said the officer in charge of the initiative.

The major Army commands, such as Forces Command and Training and Doctrine Command, will no longer be the sole management authority for installations, said Maj. Gen. Robert Van Antwerp, the Army's assistant chief of staff for Installation Management. The hierarchy for installation management will begin with his ACSIM office at the Pentagon under the new program.

The next level will be regional installation directors, who will be assigned 20 to 26 installations to manage, Van Antwerp said. He said garrison commanders will take their command and control and

funding directly from the regional offices.

Centralized Installation Management is long overdue, Van Antwerp said, because for years installations have been underfunded resulting in maintenance and repairs consistently not being done to facilities and Army housing.

"Under the new structure, funds at the garrison level will be fenced and base operations funds will be used for base operations services and repairs," said Van Antwerp.

"We're going after the well-being of soldiers and their families with this program. It's our commitment to put our money where our mouth is when it comes to where our people play, live and work."

Once the structure is implemented soldiers should see a higher level of service in family programs, recreational services and maintenance of facilities, Van Antwerp said.

There has been no formal

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New DIO chief says listening to others is key to success

Sheila Little

APG News

When Bert Scott III arrived at Aberdeen Proving Ground a few months ago, he not only moved to a new section of the world to take up the reins of a new job, but he took on a newly-restructured organization as well.

Appointed the director of Installation Operations in October, Scott spends his days leading a new APG Garrison directorate created primarily from combining the Logistics and Public Works directorates.

As director, Scott is responsible for maintaining the buildings, roads and grounds on APG. Under his umbrella of responsibility is heating, air conditioning, supplies and repairs for residential housing, garrison and tenant buildings, road maintenance, including road repair, salting and plowing, and grounds upkeep, which includes grass cutting contracts, watering and planting. In addition, the new director has an eye toward keeping the post clear of trash and assuring safe and fiscally responsible operations throughout the Edgewood and Aberdeen areas of the installation.

"My first day on the job was day six for the DIO," Scott said. "But I spent my first days on the job at APG just like everyone else does; getting to know the people, studying the directorate, and becoming familiar with the post."

A well-traveled man, Scott comes to APG with a demonstrated interest in learning all he can from those around him, a graduate education in business and administration, and a wealth of experience and success in implementing innovative ideas.

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OC&S selects top instructors for 2001

E. C. Starnes

OC&S

They are the first professionals in their fields seen by the Army's newest soldiers entering technical training. The impression they establish, the standards they set, and the professionalism they exhibit will stay in the minds of soldiers heading for their first assignment in the Army for a long time.

They are the instructors at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools and the best of these instructors have been named for 2001.

OC&S Instructors of the Year 2001 are Capt. Chris A. Byler, Command and Staff Department; Chief Warrant Officer Rocky D. Yahn, Warrant Officer Professional Development; Staff Sgt. Emy Davis, Noncommissioned

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DOIM implements Consolidated Service Desk

Yvonne Johnson

APG News

To better serve its customers, the Directorate of Information Management, or DOIM, has designed a Web-based, single point of entry for all DOIM products and services. This Web site, known as the Consolidated Service Desk, or CSD, is now the Help Desk and more.

The CSD will be available beginning Feb. 11. At that time, the Web site will become the primary method for requesting DOIM services and products.

Through it, customers can request DOIM products and services in a more efficient manner, eliminating paperwork and phone calls.

"Trouble tickets, work orders, and other products and services can now be submitted through the Web site, and the customer will receive acknowledgement of the submission through e-mail notification," said Dave Ruff, computer specialist and manager of the CSD project.

"Some examples of services and prod-

ucts include submitting trouble tickets, work orders for computer or printer problems; requesting telephone service; adding, changing or deleting e-mail accounts; submitting work orders for Visual Information Services; scheduling or changing appointments for Department of the Army or U.S. Marine Corps photos; or requesting Army Community Services," Ruff said.

"All customers need to do is go to the APG Web site, www.apg.army.mil, click on the link for the DOIM Consolidated Service Desk and follow the instructions," Ruff said. Customers can log on with their current garrison network logon. If the customer does not have a network logon, a link is available to create one. The site is also accessible from computers outside the garrison network as long as customers have a government e-mail address that ends with ".mil."

"Plans are in the works to link the

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Beginning Feb. 11, customers will see this screen after entering <http://www.apg.army.mil> and clicking on the DOIM Consolidated Service Desk Web link. This will be the way to do business with the Directorate of Information Management.

Trees replace technology in APG environmental cleanup



Photo by NEAL SNYDER
Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment Environmental Engineer John Wrobel examines wells used to measure water levels and concentrations of contaminants at J-Field.

Melissa K. Plummer
AEC

Environmental professionals at Aberdeen Proving Ground like to form partnerships for cleaning up damage done in the past. On one project, the major partner is nature.

On a former waste disposal site on the Edgewood peninsula, APG is using native and hybrid trees to control and reduce the levels of contaminants in the soil and groundwater.

The process of using plants to clean up chemicals is known as phytoremediation.

From the 1940s through the 1970s, APG used J-Field to burn waste solvents and chemical weapons in open pits. Although this method of disposal was effective, it left residues of lead, arsenic and tetrachloroethane.

This chemical was an ingredient in a decontaminant used to disinfect the burn pits and leftover scrap.

Other chemicals of concern have been found in the soil and groundwater of J-field.

In the spring of 1996, John Wrobel, an environmental engineer with APG's Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, planted 200 hybrid poplar and native saplings on one acre of J-Field.

Now ranging 15 to 20 feet tall, the trees were planted five

to eight feet deep, almost four times the normal depth, for the roots to filter the groundwater properly.

Groundwater contaminants tend to spread from the source in a feather-shaped pattern called a plume.

Tests show that the trees are withdrawing groundwater and slowing the movement and growth of the chemical plume, according to DSHE scientists.

Natural processes, aided by the trees, are dramatically reducing the concentration of the unwanted chemicals in the groundwater before it reaches a nearby freshwater marsh, according to Amy Burgess, a contract earth scientist assisting Wrobel on J-Field projects.

Environmental contractors recently examined the contaminant uptake by the trees and estimate that the trees have destroyed up to 60 pounds of solvents, and indirectly contributed to additional contaminant destruction by promoting biological activity in the shallow aquifer.

"By nature, phytoremediation is a slow process," said Burgess.

How long the cleanup will take hasn't been determined. In July 2001, pure solvent, most likely tetrachloroethane, was found on a clay-layer 16 feet below the ground surface, according to Burgess.

Through time, the chemical

will feed the groundwater plume being treated by phytoremediation until the solvent is depleted.

An investigation is planned later this year to learn more about the extent of the newly discovered solvent, so engineers can more accurately predict how long it will last below the ground and thus, how long the cleanup will take to complete.

Environmental Protection Agency Region 3, the Maryland Department of the Environment and the EPA Environmental Response Team are assisting DSHE at J-Field.

"Out of six clean-up alternatives evaluated for the J-Field soil and groundwater, the phytoremediation method was the best to use at this installation. We've tried others, such as groundwater pumping and the use of hydrogen release compounds, but this method works the best," said Wrobel.

In fall 2001, roughly 400 trees were added to J-Field. Hybrid poplars, the original species planted, were joined by native pine and oak.

These new species have not been tested as phytoremediation candidates.

Planting different species gives APG the opportunity to evaluate how effective a variety of trees are at phytoremediation, according to Burgess.

TEU celebrates 59th anniversary

Cathy Kropp
TEU

In January, the U.S. Army Technical Escort Unit, or TEU, headquartered at Aberdeen Proving Ground, celebrated its unique history and 59th birthday in a different sort of ceremony.

A historical photo collage was displayed on large projection screens, while TEU's civilian and military members, called America's Guardians, listened to Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, talk about the changes in the world, the command and the unit over the last few years.

"The soldiers and civilians of TEU can be proud of the way their organization has adapted to the changing world and especially how well it was able to meet the changing needs and focus of the world since Sept. 11," said Doesburg.

"The flexibility of TEU and readiness to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow are a reflection of the professionalism and capabilities of the soldiers and civilians that make up the Technical Escort Unit."

A civilian and a military guardian took turns reading highlights of unit operations from each decade of TEU's history, including the first major disposal mission to Germany in 1946, the destruction of over 70,000 napalm filled bombs in 1954, operation C.H.A.S.E (Cut Holes and Sink 'Em) in 1967, operation Red Hat in 1971, operations SETCON I and II in 1978 and 1980, operation Golden Python in 1990, and the NATO 50th Anniversary Summit in 1999.

This reading not only reminded those present of the diverse history of the organization but also of the diversity of its members.

TEU has a mix of military and civilian guardians and combines both chemical and explosive ordnance removal specialties in one organization; something not found in the rest of the Army.

"I think it is very important that we celebrate our history and remember that 'those who fail to study and learn from history are doomed to repeat the lessons that were not learned.' This is very important in the wake of the events of Sept. 11," said TEU Command Sgt Maj. Billy Lewis Jr.

With music in the background, America's guardians shared some birthday cake and refreshments, remembered the history of their unit and talked about what part they each played in that history.

"Today's ceremony not only acknowledges another year passing in the life of this great organization, but provides us the opportunity to pay tribute to the 59 years of Tech Escort's service to our nation. Service that has taken Guardians to the four corners of the earth, from foxhole to Oval Office, TEU has and will continue to be there for America," said Lt. Col. George D. Lecakes, commander Technical Escort Unit Battalion.

Doesburg, senior military member, Spc. Leslie A. Stokes, junior military member; Atyce M. Davis, senior civilian member; and Melvin M. Spence, junior civilian member, used a civil war cavalry saber to make the first cut into the official birthday cake.

Established on Jan. 20, 1943 as the Guard and Security Division of the Chemical Warfare Service, the unit's original mission was to handle the movement of chemical munitions and to cope with the associated safety and security problems during World War II.

Originally located at Camp Sibert, Ala., the unit moved to Edgewood Arsenal, Md., in February 1944.

Today, TEU provides the

Department of Defense and other agencies with a unique, immediate response capability for sampling, monitoring, escorting, rendering safe and disposing of weaponized and non-weaponized chemical, biological and hazardous material.

Configured as a battalion, the headquarters and three companies are located at the Edgewood Area of APG. Three more companies can be found at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah; Ft. Belvoir, Va.; and Pine Bluff Arsenal, Ala.

The TEU is the longest continuously active military chemical unit in existence, but it has changed much since its inception.

Although the original escort mission accounts for less than 15 percent of the unit's workload, TEU has matured into a force with capabilities more in line with the needs of today's world.

Remediation and restoration teams are currently working at APG and a neighborhood in Washington, D.C., in support of environmental cleanup activities conducted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

In the last several years, they have completed similar projects in South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Guam and Alabama.

National and joint response teams are able to deploy worldwide wherever and

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Federal retirements fall short of projections

Brian Friel
Government Executive

Almost 20 percent fewer federal employees retired in fiscal year 2001 than government officials had predicted, Office of Personnel Management statistics show.

OPM reported Monday that 41,543 full-time permanent civil servants retired in 2001, a 2.8 percent retirement rate. Last year, OPM had projected that 50,771 federal employees would retire, a 3.4 percent rate. Actual retirements fell short by 18.2 percent.

The lower rates suggest that employees are waiting longer to retire, a trend that has developed over the past decade. In 1988, 40 percent of federal employees retired as soon as they were eligible to do so. By 1997, only 21 percent of employees retired immediately, according to General Accounting Office figures. That trend has contributed to the aging of the federal workforce. Today there are more federal workers in their 60s than in their 20s.

(Editor's note: For more information on this, visit <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0102/012802b1.htm>.)

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Commentary

I'm so embarrassed!



Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Do you ever think of your most embarrassing moment for no apparent reason and find yourself laughing at the memory?

I did that the other day after I saw a young soldier trip over a crack in the sidewalk, then look up and down the street to see if anyone saw him.

Why do we do that? It's as if it's okay as long as there are no witnesses. Humans are funny creatures.

Anyway, I found myself laughing, not at the soldier, but at the memory of my most embarrassing moment.

I was a 22-year old soldier who had just arrived in Panama for a two-year assignment. With a new wardrobe for my stay in the tropics, I was eager to strut my stuff.

I was in country about three

months when four girlfriends knocked on my barracks door to ask if I wanted to go to the beach at Fort Kobbe. I readily agreed and went to pull out my swimsuit, when they stopped me.

"We don't go in the water. There are sharks in the water," they said.

"Oh, great," I responded. "So what else is there to do at the beach?"

"Look at the guys, you dummy."

What was I thinking?

We got gussied up in our most adorable outfits and headed for the beach.

When we arrived, the basketball court in the recreation area was full. We tried to act like we didn't see them looking.

I was wearing a khaki coulotte outfit that was perfect for the warm day. Unfortunately, I was also wearing the worst shoes you could possibly wear to the beach.

They were 3-inch high platform sandals with a deep groove where the foot arches. One look at the pebble walkway and I knew I had messed up.

"How do I walk without looking like a drunk?" I thought to myself.

The answer was right in front of me.

A path of packed dirt bordered the pebble path. I decided to just walk along there. It was a little rocky, but far better than the unstable pebble path.

Taking silent pleasure in the catcalls from the basketball court that followed us as we

approached the path, we sashayed our way toward the concession stands.

"Oh no," I thought to myself as I noticed the dirt path slope downhill at a steeper angle than the pebble path. Oh well, it was still better than the pebbles. Besides, it was only 30 feet or so.

My friends in their sensible flats moved along at a much faster pace.

"Wait up!" I shouted over the catcalls from the court.

That's when one of the girls looked back and asked, "Why are you walking over there?"

I never got to answer.

In my haste to catch up, I neglected to notice a Coca-Cola bottle lying directly in my path. It was one of those small figure eight-shaped bottles that they stopped making for a few years, then brought back as if we missed them or something. I stepped on it and it immediately got lodged in the deep arch of my right sandal. To my horror, I lost control of my footing and began rolling on one foot down the slope, helplessly out of control.

Imagine a person strolling down a hill at a leisurely pace, when suddenly their right foot turns into a roller skate. Now, imagine that unfortunate soul totally losing it.

With arms flapping, head snapping, my left foot unable to get a grip, and my mouth opened loud to let out a pitiful wail, I rolled the rest of the way down that hill looking like an out of control cartoon character.

My friends watched in awe

as I reached the bottom, hit the side of the concession stand, and fell flat on my deflated ego.

I looked up, completely mortified, and found to my greater embarrassment that I was not the only one on the ground.

My dear friends were piled in a heap, not making a sound, in the grip of a unified, soundless laugh that I knew would wake the dead once they caught their breaths. Not soundless were the hysterical screams coming from the direction of the basketball court. I couldn't bring myself to look, but they sounded like they were fighting off death itself in an effort not to die laughing.

I don't remember anything that happened after that. I do remember that it was my last trip to Kobbe Beach. In the 22 remaining months I had in Panama, I never graced those sands again.

Today, the memory of that day is the funniest thing I can think of. Whenever it occurs to me, which is as infrequent as possible, I laugh out loud.

If I had been able to, I would have shared that story with the soldier who tripped over the crack. I would have told him that embarrassing episodes are God's way of keeping us humble; of reminding us that we're human and imperfect, and of giving us a way to laugh at ourselves.

I would have told him that, but I was too busy laughing.

Never take your health for granted

(Editor's note: February is American Heart Month. APG News will be running articles throughout the month, providing educational information about heart disease and stroke. See article on page 12.)

Marguerite Towson
APG News

(About the author: Towson works in the Directorate of Information Management. In this article she shares her personal experience with heart disease.)

In February 1998, I had a particularly severe bout of bronchitis. After two months, I was still fighting it. My constant coughing, wheezing, and shortness of breath persisted, and even my coworkers were telling me it sounded bad. I couldn't walk without having to stop to catch my breath.

After going to my physician for more prescription refills for bronchitis, he asked, "When was the last time you had a chest X-ray?" I couldn't imagine why I needed a chest x-ray.

The results turned out to be devastating. The X-ray showed I had an enlarged heart, and I was ordered to see a cardiologist immediately.

When I received the news over the phone, my first reaction was denial. I was frightened. I didn't want to see a cardiologist. I was afraid of being admitted to the hospital and having something injected into an artery or into my heart as part of one of those scary tests I'm always hearing about, or worse, being scheduled for serious heart surgery.

I had developed viral cardiomyopathy. I guess being so sick caused it. But I also know that I was born with a small hole in my heart, which developed into a heart murmur. I have read that cardiomyopathy could develop from heart murmurs, but how I got it was the least of my worries.

After my first visit to the cardiologist, I had an echocardiogram. The echocardiogram is just like getting a sonogram. The echo showed that my heart was weak, only beating at 35 percent strength, compared with a normal 55 percent. My heart was filled with fluid and I was at major risk of dying from congestive heart failure. Worse still, at 5 foot 1 inch tall, I weighed almost 200 pounds.

My cardiologist placed me on digoxin, a drug to strengthen the heart. I was also prescribed fluid pills, potassium tablets, blood pressure pills and put on an aspirin regimen, taking one baby aspirin every day, to keep the blood from clotting in my heart. I started walking

and lost some weight.

After a few months, I went for another echocardiogram so the cardiologist could see how I was progressing. I received more bad news. I was told I had a blood clot located somewhere in my heart - I don't know exactly what part, but all I could think about was that I was definitely going to die. I was terrified and all I could do was cry. I was prescribed coumadin, a common blood thinner, to break up the clot.

Apparently when my heart started getting stronger and pumping more blood, a clot formed. I expected to be told to lie flat with my lower body elevated until it was okay, much like other individuals who develop blood clots. But I wasn't instructed to do so. I don't know why.

This occurred just two days before leaving on our family's annual vacation. I didn't enjoy the vacation very well. When I returned home, I had blood work to check on the consistency of my blood - now it was too thin. So I had many mornings of blood work at the hospital to check on the consistency of my blood and determine the right amount of coumadin. My arms looked like someone beat me, they were so black and blue from the needle punctures.

Here I was, walking around with a blood clot in my heart. I got used to the fact that, well, I'm gonna drop dead any minute now, and there's not a darn thing I can do about it. I carried that attitude around with me. Miraculously, months went by and I was still alive.

I began an incredible struggle to lose weight and keep up a diet and exercise routine that is just as much a struggle today as ever. Eventually, I lost over 60 pounds. I was even jogging up to four miles a day. I looked good and felt good.

My next echocardiogram was proof that the American Heart Association's constant mantra for prevention and treatment of heart disease - weight loss, diet and exercise - really does work. The blood clot was gone, and my heart strength rose to 50 percent. But my heart will never return to its normal condition.

I've popped what seems like thousands of pills, had what seems like gallons of

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Eagles

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years.

"The first year, we saw six eagles, about 12 the second year, and last year, we counted 249," he said. "There's been an upward trend."

Pottie was joined by DSHE Director Tim McNamara; Joseph Ondek, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center; Officer Matthew Stewart, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security; and Steve Wampler, John Paul and Dr. Jim Bailey, DSHE.

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APG’s blacks on parade

(Editor’s note: In celebration of Black History Month, the weekly series continues on African-Americans who are making a difference on Aberdeen Proving Ground. Whether prominent or not so prominent, they are a small sample of the potential that abounds in all of us.
A member of Aberdeen Proving Ground’s civilian police force, an officer charged with leading others in its protection, is highlighted this week.)

Protecting people and property -- a way of life for APG policeman

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

He can usually be found behind the glass enclosure at the Aberdeen Area station, monitoring the daily goings on of the installation’s law enforcement and security force. Lt. Anthony Hamilton is a shift commander on Aberdeen Proving Ground’s Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security.

An original member of the federal police force initiated by the Department of Defense in 1996, Hamilton said he thinks of APG as a city, with the post commander its governor and the garrison commander its mayor.

“You see some of the same incidents taking place here that you would find in any city,” Hamilton said adding that only 25 percent of the incidents on post are serious in nature.

Recalling the remarks of one APG resident who told him he felt safer with the increased gate security since Sept. 11, Hamilton said he assured him that APG is a safe place to live.

“You have an entire force protecting the people of this installation. Everybody can’t

say that. I live in Baltimore. There’s no one on my gate.”

Besides making people feel safe, the increased security at the gates has had other advantages,” Hamilton added, noting that certain types of crimes have declined, as officers are able to seize contraband at the gates through random searches.

Hamilton co-authored the Standard Operating Procedures for Desk Operations for the Edgewood and Aberdeen Area. He noted that shift commanders must be familiar with all laws governing the installation, which include state, federal, local and military law.

“There is a lot you have to know but there are a lot of very experienced and knowledgeable officers working here. Some of them are walking libraries. That kind of expertise is great backup.”

With degrees from Anne Arundel Community College and Excelsior College, Hamilton’s law development background includes training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center Management Institute in Georgia, the Police Executive Development at Pennsylvania State University, and the

University of Maryland’s Arson Investigation School.

“I know a lot, but it means nothing if I can’t apply it,” he said. “My supervisors have allowed me to be able to do that.”

The police force is a sub-culture that thrives on accomplishing its goals and whose members appreciate those accomplishments, Hamilton said.

“We’re building a history here which, as far as I’m concerned, began in 1996.”

He said his philosophy is to “keep moving forward, evaluate mistakes, correct them, then keep moving forward.”

He said he works to maintain a positive impact on his subordinates.

“I want them to know that I care about them beyond duty, and for them to see me as someone they can turn to,” he said.

“There are a lot of stresses associated with this job. But I still like law enforcement ... a lot.”

Hamilton’s 16-year career includes five years spent on active duty in the Army and three years of state employment.



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
Lt. Anthony Hamilton, right, and Sgt. Ivan Booth work at the Aberdeen Area police station front desk. Hamilton is a shift commander and police academy instructor for the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security.

APG celebrates African-American/Black history month - 2002

The Department of Defense celebrates African-American/Black History each year, during the month of February. This year’s theme is “The African-American Legacy: Contributions and Service in America’s Defense.”

African Americans have contributed much toward shaping America’s history, often against considerable odds. Changes in attitudes and advances in the areas of civil rights during the past century have enabled more African-Americans to reach the forefront of American

politics, public service, the entertainment industry and national sports.

The U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command and its subordinate elements and sites will be holding various activities to observe and celebrate African-American/Black History Month throughout the month of February. I fully support these observances and encourage all of you to take time to attend these events.

John C. Doesburg
Major General, USA

The heart of the matter



Courtesy of <http://www.americanheart.org/>

Coronary heart disease is America’s No. 1 killer. Stroke is No. 3 and a leading cause of serious disability. That’s why it’s so important to reduce risk factors, know the warning signs, and know how to respond quickly and properly if warning signs occur.

Heart attack warning — signs of a heart attack

Some heart attacks are sudden and intense, but most heart attacks start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Often the people affected aren’t sure what’s wrong and wait too long before getting help. Here are some of the signs that can mean a heart attack is happening.

- Chest discomfort. Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.
- Discomfort in other areas of the upper body. Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

• Shortness of breath. This feeling often comes along with chest discomfort. But it can occur before the chest discomfort.

- Nausea
- Sweating

If you or someone you’re with has chest discomfort, especially with one or more of the other signs, don’t wait more than a five minutes before calling for help.

Calling 9-1-1 is almost always the fastest way to get lifesaving treatment.

Emergency medical services staff can begin treatment when they arrive, and emergency room treatment is rendered almost immediately if you arrive by ambulance.

If you can’t access emergency medical services, have someone drive you to the hospital right away. If you’re the one having symptoms, don’t drive yourself, unless you have absolutely no other option.

Stroke warning signs

According to the American Stroke Association, the warning signs of stroke are:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or

leg, especially on one side of the body

- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
- Sudden, severe headache with no known cause

Risk factors

• Smoking. Smokers’ risk of heart attack is more than twice that of nonsmokers and is the biggest risk factor for sudden cardiac death.

- High blood cholesterol
- High blood pressure
- Physical inactivity
- Obesity and overweight
- Diabetes
- Stress. Some scientists

have noted a relationship between coronary heart disease risk and stress in a person’s life.

- Drinking too much alcohol can raise blood pressure, cause heart failure and lead to stroke.

These major risk factors can be modified, treated or controlled by changing your lifestyle or by taking medication.

TEU

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whenever chemical or biological agent is suspected or found. The teams may be called to support a Department of Defense theater commander, other defense organizations, state or local authorities.

When Congress passed Public Law 104-201, directing the DoD to assist other federal, state and local agencies in enhancing preparedness for terrorist attacks using weapons of mass destruction, the TEU stepped up to the plate and offered its expertise to support

civil authorities.

Members of TEU assisted the federal interagency team with the initial establishment of the domestic preparedness training program which provided a train-the-trainer program to the nation’s emergency responders in 120 population centers.

TEU teams continue to participate in joint exercises to assist and exchange ideas with first responders throughout the U.S.

When sarin-filled bomblets were found in Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Colo., an emergency response team from the TEU worked with state and local officials to safe-



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Service

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Opportunities for ordnance NCOs to train with industry

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OC&S

The U.S. Army Ordnance Corps is offering qualified noncommissioned officers the opportunity to take part in the first cycle of "Training with Industry." This one-year training partnership will provide two ordnance NCOs with experience in hands-on industrial practices and procedures in a civilian environment.

"This is valuable to us and the NCO," said Maj. Gen. Mitchell H. Stephenson, commander, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools. "The 44E recipient will receive thousands of dollars of advanced welding and inspection training. That NCO will be a premier expert of welding. We could use this expertise in our welding training department at OC&S."

For a staff sergeant or sergeant first class machinist (44E) there is the opportunity to train

with the American Welding Society in Miami, Fla.

A staff sergeant or sergeant first class light-wheeled vehicle mechanic (63B) will have the chance to work with General Dynamics Land Systems in Sterling Heights, Michigan.

These training opportunities are permanent change of station moves and will be followed, upon completion of the TWI experience, with a pre-designated assignment that will maximize the benefit of the new skills and knowledge gained during the year. The 44E will have a follow-on assignment at Aberdeen Proving Ground, while the 63B will be assigned to the Combined Arms Support Command Training Development at Fort Lee, Va.

Nominations are due no later than March 1, 2002. The packets should be sent registered mail, to Office Chief of Ordnance, ATTN:

ATSL-O-E (TWI), 3071 Aberdeen Boulevard, Room 218C, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005-5201.

The following criteria must be met:

- Possess the rank of staff sergeant or sergeant first class.
- Have 15 years maximum time in service.
- * Possess a 110 General Technical Aptitude Score.
- Possess a score of 12.9 on the English and language components of the TABE-A.
- Have a DA photo less than two years old.
- Submit a prepared two page (or less) resume - civilian format.
- Submit the last three years of NCOERs.
- Submit a copy of DA Form 2-1.
- Submit a current ERB.
- Submit your company commander's letter of recommendation, including your ability to

represent the Army and your financial ability to meet expenses associated with being displaced from military facilities.

Note: Completion of this training incurs an active duty service obligation for a period equal to two times the length of time spent with the industry partner. This time-in-service remaining criteria must be met immediately upon selection.

Anyone interested in the positions should call Office Chief of Ordnance, Proponency, 410-278-3703. Questions about the 44E position should be e-mailed to: brian.sarjeant@ocs.apg.army.mil. Inquiries about the 63B position should be e-mailed to: randy.pendleton@ocs.apg.army.mil.

For a complete description of the program and how to apply, visit <http://www.goordnance.apg.army.mil/Opp/TWT%20Memo.pdf>.

Quality

From front page

decision on how many regions there will be and where the region headquarters will be located, Van Antwerp said. The draft plan is to have two overseas regions in Europe and the Pacific, and to have six state-side regions, he said.

Other plans that have not been outlined are how staff organizations such as the Chaplain office, Public Affairs and Staff Judge Advocate will fit into the equation.

"We asked those functional elements to tell us what the operation and organization should look like for their area," Van Antwerp said.

"We really feel that one of the benefits of having a corporate-like structure is to go after larger contracts to service multiple installations," Van Antwerp said. "There's a better way of doing business ... rather than each installation having separate contracts and separate agreements."

Planning for Centralized Installation Management is still in its early stages. MACOM and garrison representatives contacted said it is still too early for them to comment on how the initiative may change their lives or affect the soldiers that they currently command.

Both MACOM and garrison commanders will still play a role in installation management, Van Antwerp said.

"MACOM commanders are still going to be very concerned about their soldiers. So they're going to play in the process of what we build on their installations," Van Antwerp said. "What they won't have is the ability to move the funds around that were intended for the installation because those funds will be fenced."

"Garrison commanders will have more authority over funding, resources and their people. There won't be as many loopholes at levels above the garrison, which will cause more funds to be available at the garrison level."

OC&S

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Officer Academy; and Gregory L. Williams, Wheel, Track and Recovery Department.



Capt. Chris A. Byler, Officer Instructor of the Year

"The challenge of being an instructor is constantly rewarding and equally demanding," noted Byler. "I believe my greatest contribution, as an instructor has been the sheer number of hours instructed."

He said that when he left company command in Korea, he was seeking a challenge to help him be the best officer possible.

"Training officers has definitely fulfilled that desire, and being a tool of education for the future leaders for the Army [of the future] has been the most rewarding experience of my career," Byler said.

The new Instructor of the Year teaches ordnance officers in the Officer Basic Course. Specifically, he teaches unit maintenance and support maintenance. The training is topped off by a CAPSTONE exercise.

He said that his philosophy as an instructor comes from a division commander who once told him "The two most important things to our Army are privates and lieutenants."

Byler said, "His message is very simple. Everyone currently serving in the U.S. Army served as one or the other at some point in his or her career. Their current performance can

be traced to how they were trained in their initial training course - basic training and AIT or OBC."

Byler, who has served at Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Lee, Va.; Fort McClellan, Ala.; and Camp Casey, Korea; has been a company commander, brigade maintenance officer, technical supply officer, battalion chemical officer, and a platoon leader. He has received the Joint Meritorious Service Unit Award, three Army Commendation Medals, an Army Achievement Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the National Defense Service Medal.

When not training future ordnance leaders, Byler can be found on the golf course, working on cars, going on family outings, or studying military history and politics.



Chief Warrant Officer Rocky D. Yahn, Warrant Officer Instructor of the Year

Yahn attributes his success as an instructor to developing a rapport with his students.

"Meeting the challenge of being an instructor requires an individual to become a subject matter expert," he noted. He said this is developed through attending all formal instructor courses, working on computer skills to produce training materials, and research, rehearsal and practice of all lesson material.

"Yet all of this alone will not make an effective instructor," Yahn said. "An effective instructor must be honest, with strong verbal and written communication skills."

You must be receptive to student input and not be afraid to learn from their expertise

and experiences. Good instructors have the ability to build a rapport with their students."

Yahn, serves as the primary instructor for warrant officers in the Direct Support Fully Integrated Exercise, more popularly known as DS/FIX.

Yahn enlisted in the Army in 1982 and became a track vehicle mechanic. He has served in Germany; at Fort Knox, Ky.; Desert Storm; Fort Hood, Tx.; and Korea. During those assignments he served as a squad leader and shop foreman, team chief and instructor for new equipment training with the M1A1 Abrams Tank; battalion maintenance technician, battalion electronic maintenance technician; and system support maintenance technician.

Yahn has been at APG since 1998 as an instructor/writer. When he is not on the platform he enjoys playing racquetball, swimming, and being with his wife Leafaina and their two children, Misti and Michele. He is also active in the Warrant Officer Association, Aberdeen Edgewood Chapter.



Staff Sgt. Emy Davis, Noncommissioned Officer Instructor of the Year

Davis, a Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course instructor at the OC&S Noncommissioned Officer Academy, entered the Army in 1986. She completed Basic and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Jackson, S.C., where she became a light wheeled vehicle mechanic.

Davis said she gets her greatest satisfaction as an instructor "when I see my students graduate." Davis added she also is gratified when students thank her for helping them develop and grow as NCOs, or for being there as a leader.

"I meet the challenge of being an instructor every day by giving my best effort to consistently train quality NCOs that the Army so badly needs," said Davis. "[I push] myself to continue to develop professionally by earning the various instructor levels, taking DANTES examinations, and staying proficient with my civilian education/training."

She has served at Redstone Arsenal, Ala., Fort Monmouth, N.J., and Fort Eustis, Va., as well as overseas in Germany and Korea. Along the way she earned four Army Commendation Medals, six Army Achievement Medals, five Good Conduct Medals, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal, the NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 2), the Overseas Service Ribbon (Numeral 2), and the Mechanic/Driver Badge.

Her short-term goals are to complete National Emergency Medical Technician re-certification and earn her Master Instructor level rating. Her long-term goals include a bachelor's degree in emergency medical services, "and to advance through the military promotion ranks as high as I can possibly go."

She and her husband, Tony, reside in Virginia.



Gregory L. Williams, Civilian Instructor of the Year

Williams, a retired staff sergeant, teaches the wonders of the transmission to new soldiers. Prior to his employment as a civilian instructor, he was a military instructor and he noted "it is very satisfying to see a lot of those privates that I taught, return to APG as staff sergeants to attend the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course."

"My greatest challenge as a civilian instructor is that I have had the opportunity to train 20th century soldiers and how have the chance to train soldiers in the 21st century. I truly believe that the first impression will always be a lasting impression regardless if it is good or bad. Everyday I train all cultures of soldiers from all over the world."

A veteran of the Gulf War, he entered the Army in 1979 and completed Advanced Individual Training at the OC&S as a fuel and electrical system repairer. His assignments have taken him to Forts Stewart and Benning, Ga., APG, and three tours in Germany.

Williams is pursuing a master instructor rating. He received an associate's degree in computer and electronic servicing from TESST College of Technology in December.

He and his wife, Beverly, have two children, Greg Jr. and Shayla. He is an active member of the Ames United Methodist Church in Bel Air, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Noncommissioned Officers Association and the Prince Hall Masonic Order.



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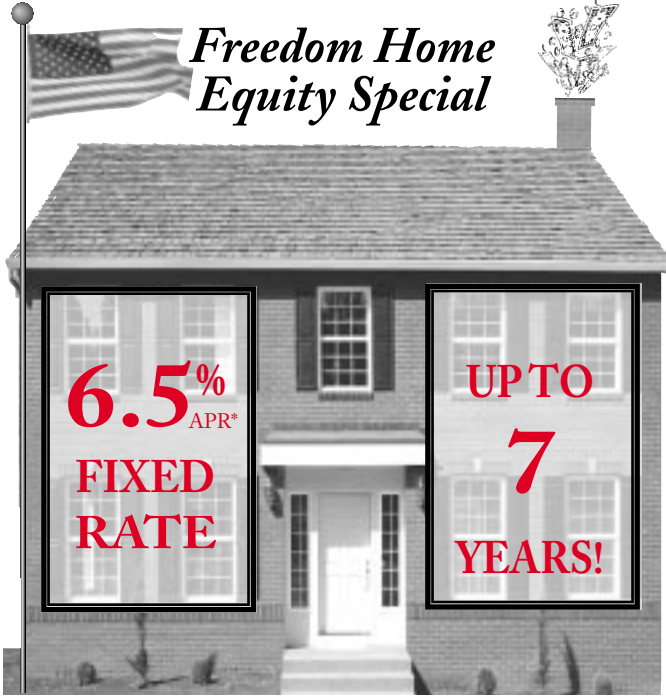
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OMPF Online expands to captains, staff sergeants

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

Captains and staff sergeants who are being considered for promotion this spring and summer will soon be able to review their Official Military Personnel Files online.

OMPF Online, which kicked off in November for sergeants first class being considered for promotion, is expanding to include more of the force. Captains being considered for promotion will be able to look at their records online beginning Feb. 1, and staff sergeants being considered by the June board will be able to look at their records online March 1.

In the past three months, OMPF Online has already proved to be a cost-savings initiative for the Army, said Col. Howard Olsen, the Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center, or EREC, commander.

"About 10 percent of the 20,000 sergeants first class that reviewed their records online opted not to request their microfiche," Olsen said. "It costs about \$1.40 to produce a microfiche, so just multiply that by 2,000."

EREC's goal by fiscal year 2003 is to eliminate the need for soldiers to request microfiche, which will save the Army an enormous amount of money annually, Olsen said.

EREC has set a goal for the entire Army to be able to view

military records online by June, Olsen said. In April, new software for the complimentary feature "Field to File" is scheduled to be tested.

Field to File will enable soldiers to send official military personnel documents such as awards and Noncommissioned Officer Evaluation Reports directly from a battalion or brigade S-1 to the soldiers' OMPF at PERSCOM.

By the end of February, there will be 19 digital senders throughout the Army, Olsen said. However the senders are difficult to manage and maintain, and EREC wants to find a way that soldiers can send in their documents from their own computers, Olsen said.

Officer Candidate School expands

2nd Lt. Mamie Murphy
Army News Service

The Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning is expanding from three to four companies, tentatively beginning with the June 2 class.

The expansion of OCS comes at a time when the Army needs more junior officers, according to Lt. Col. Daniel Kessler, battalion commander for 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment (OCS). He said the mission of OCS has been expanded from producing 1,040 lieutenants to 1,485 per year.

"To do that, we need another company," Kessler said. "OCS has always been looked at to produce officers in times of need," Kessler said. "If you go back and you look at mobilization efforts during World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam, the bulk of the officers produced to support those efforts came out of OCS," Kessler said. "Right now with things the way they are in the world ... OCS is being looked upon again."

Even though the mission is for more lieutenants, requirements for admission to the school will remain the same, Kessler said.

"It's again needed to produce the same quality of leader it has in the past, to meet the challenges of the Army," Kessler said.

Even though the school's staff is prepared to accomplish the expanded mission, additional funds and personnel are not completely in place.

"We're still pushing to get the money to get the required furniture and other necessities for those billets," said Maj. Keith Robinson, executive officer for the 11th Infantry Regiment. "Now, we're just really pushing Training and Doctrine Command and Personnel Command to get the required manning."

"We've been told to do a mission faster than the Army system, so we're pulling resources from other areas to fill this company. We haven't waited for the money or the people. We're just continuing to drive on with the mission," Robinson said.

The fourth company will be housed in what was the Headquarters and Headquarters Company barracks for 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry, 11th Infantry Regiment. Modular barracks will be built to house HHC.

"We're moving units around to renovate the required billeting space for the OCS company," Robinson said.

(Editor's note: 2nd Lt. Mamie Murphy is a member of 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment at Fort Benning.)

Scott

From front page

Scott grew up on Catalina Island, Calif., helping his father and grandfather with the family businesses. Joining the Army in 1966, the veteran completed a bachelor's degree in geological engineering, a master's in business management and a master's in business administration during 20 years of active service in the Engineering Corps. Serving stateside and abroad, Scott's military assignments include four tours in Vietnam, and service in Germany and Korea. In addition to moving with the military, the retired major did a lot of traveling on his own, learning about various areas in the United States and countries throughout the world.

Wherever he was living, including overseas, Scott made it a point to get to know all he could about the local people and their environment. As a result, in addition to English, he speaks Vietnamese, German, is fluent in Korean, and learned Spanish as a student.

"I immerse myself in the local culture, wherever I go," Scott said. "I found out that if you make the effort and can learn a few sentences of the language, people really open up to you."

Throughout his military career, Scott used his interest in land management and development by exploring additional business opportunities. The owner of a real estate franchise in Utah, Scott also owns a working cattle ranch in Missouri.

One who keeps busy, Scott didn't take time off when he moved from military officer to federal employee.

"I retired from the Army on Friday, and started my next job, in civilian clothes, the following Monday," he said.

His last position as a military officer was as the director of engineering and housing along the demilitarized zone in South Korea. He continued in that position for his first job as a civilian, traveling 200 miles south to Camp Humphreys, also located in South Korea.

Single until he was 40, Scott met his Korean-born wife, Su, while completing his last active duty assignment. Homesteaders in Korea for many years, the family, which includes son Rory, 14, and daughter Michelle, 11, resides in northern Harford County.

Scott arrived at APG after a three-year assignment on the Marshall Islands chain in the Pacific. While living on Kwajalein, the director of installation management for the 11 U.S.-leased Marshall Islands noticed a soil erosion problem. Using creativity and business acumen, Scott's directorate created a rich soil from island products, used it as a base, and planted trees and shrubs throughout previously eroded areas. Credited with slowing erosion, and adding beauty and a thriving business to Kwajalein, the director of DIO said the soil is now a very successful island export product.

Scott said he hopes to make "a real difference," while at APG, as well.

"I'd like to improve the quality of life by revitalizing

the infrastructure, looking at ways to increase facility maintenance and applying more resources where they can do the most good," he said.

The director said he is looking at innovative methods to manage game on APG through export or exchange with other installations, checking into the possibility of hiring a full-time grounds maintenance crew, and cutting expenses by removing supplies from near-empty warehouses, thereby cutting energy costs, and consolidating operations wherever possible.

"I'm looking at everything on post with an eye to wastefulness," adding that unused and abandoned items should be sold, recycled or removed.

Eager and willing to listen to suggestions, Scott said he is learning a lot from listening and working with the people of APG, and anticipates continuing that good working relationship within the community.

Encouraging residents and tenants to share their suggestions, the new APG directorate chief said he learns something from every phone call.

"There are a lot of good people with a lot of good ideas on APG, and I'm willing to listen," Scott said. "I want the community to know that we care."



Photo by SHEILA LITTLE
Bert Scott, director of the Directorate of Installation Operations, tackles paperwork at his office in the Aberdeen Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground.



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FEBRUARY 10
WOMAN’S DAY PROGRAM

The women of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, will present The Black Experience in Hymns - Our Heritage, at 4:00 p.m. The guest presenter is Senator Ulysses Currie, District 25, Prince Georges County. The Vernon Sewell Ensemble will perform. The program will benefit Woman’s Day 2002. For information, call 410-939-2267

TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 12
PANCAKE SUPPER

The women of St. James A.M.E. Church, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, will host a Pancake Supper, 4 to 7 p.m. The menu includes pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, fried potatoes, grits, spiced apples, coffee, tea and orange juice. The cost is \$7. The event will benefit Woman’s Day 2002. For more information, call 410-939-2267.

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 13
EA-OWC LUNCHEON

The Edgewood Area Officers’ Wives Club monthly luncheon is at Giovanni’s Restaurant, Route 40, Edgewood. The program for the luncheon features Lt. Col. Mary Laedtke, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, who will discuss how to improve quality of life through effective use of ergonomics. Socializing begins at 11:30 a.m., with a noon buffet of chicken marsala and penne pasta entrees.

The price for the buffet is \$14.50, which, in addition to tax and gratuity, also includes a choice of salads, rolls, beverages and desserts. Members and their guests should make reservations no later than Feb. 8, by contacting Linda Kuchar, 410-838-5265, or sending an e-mail specifying the EA-OWC luncheon, to linku2000@aol.com.

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 15
CWF BUSTRIPTO DINNER THEATER

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip to see the musical “Jekyll & Hyde” at the Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater. The cost is \$45 per person, which includes bus transportation, dinner and the show. For reservations or more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

BASKET BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit Halls Crossroads Elementary will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks, and baked goods will be available.

Tickets cost \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Voretta Santos, 410-272-4471.

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 16
BREAKFAST CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY

St. James A.M.E. Church School Members, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, will celebrate Black History month with a community breakfast, 8:30 to 11 a.m. For information, call 410-939-2267.

TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 19
BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPECIALTY MEAL

The annual Black History Month Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4219 and 4503, and Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 to 7 p.m. During this event all military personnel, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate of \$3.25 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, Department of Defense civilian, retiree and their guest. The discount meal rate of \$2.70 applies to spouses and other

family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The menu consists of old fashioned bean soup, barbecued spare ribs, fried and baked chicken, fried catfish, roast beef, pulled pork, black-eyed peas and ham hocks, baked macaroni and cheese, steamed rice, corn on the cob, greens with ham hocks, corn bread with bacon bits, assorted salad bar, potato salad, jellied fruit salad, fruit salad, cole slaw, assorted pies, banana pudding, fresh fruit, soft-serve ice cream and assorted beverages. Note: The menu is subject to change without prior notification.

For more information call Edward Parylo, or Joyce Thane at 410-306-1399/1393/1398.

WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 20
ASMC LUNCHEON

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Chesapeake Chapter, will host a buffet luncheon 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Top of the Bay. The guest speaker will be Ernie Gregory, deputy assistant secretary of the Army for Financial Operations. Cost is \$10.50 for members and \$11.50 for non-members. Reservations must be made not later than 9 a.m. Feb. 14. If interested in attending, contact Peggy Morrison, 410-278-1229; Tina Allen, 410-436-7208 or Mae Wallace, 410-278-3491.

EA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The Edgewood Christian Fellowship will meet 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Edgewood Area Chapel. There will be a video presentation about taking the Gospel to a remote tribe in Papua, New Guinea. For luncheon reservations, call 410-436-4109 by noon on Feb. 19.

THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 21
SAME LUNCHEON

The February luncheon of the Society of American Military Engineers-Chesapeake Post will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Booz Allen Hamilton Office, 1309 Continental Drive, Suite R, in Abingdon.

This scheduled speaker is Mark S. Johnson, Ph.D., U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine. Johnson’s presentation is titled “Army Risk Assessment Modeling System.” He will focus his presentation on methods to refine risk assessment in the Army regarding encroachment and the need to maintain training activities, and include a realistic assessment of risks posed to humans and wildlife resulting from these activities.

For lunch reservations, respond no later than Feb. 18 to Donna Vereb, 301-670-5485 or e-mail donna_vereb@urscorp.com.

WARRANT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION MEETING

The February meeting of the Aberdeen/Edgewood Chapter of the United States Warrant Officer Association will be held on at 11:30 a.m. in the Gunpowder Room of Top of the Bay. All warrant officers are welcome to attend. Elections will be held at the meeting. If you have a nomination, contact Chief Warrant Officers Don Williams or Larry Van Cleve. For more information concerning the chapter, contact Chief, Warrant Officers Pete Hill or Jane Jones at 410-278-4979.

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 23
BINGO

Basket Bingo, sponsored by the Port Deposit VFW Post 8185, Route 222, will begin at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 per person and include 20 games on paper cards. Tickets are available by calling Anne Gibson, 410-378-3338, Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332, or Kathy Heaton, 410-378-3594.

THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 28
APG NEWCOMER ORIENTATION

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Newcomer Orientation will be held at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, 1 to 3 p.m. All military and civilian personnel, retirees and their family members are invited to attend. Representatives of support agencies and organizations will be present to discuss their activities. Door prizes will be awarded as well as give-a-ways.

For more information, call Fred Posadas, relocation manager, Army Community Service, 410-278-2453.

SATURDAY
MARCH 2
GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL BINGO

Basket Bingo to benefit the Good Shepherd Catholic School will be held at the school, 810 Aikens Avenue, Perryville, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10 per ticket; additional sets are available for \$5. For tickets, call the Good Shepherd School, 410-642-6265, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50
Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard



SPY GAMES
Friday, Feb. 8, 7 p.m.
Starring: Robert Redford, Brad Pitt

A veteran CIA agent, Nathan Muir, is on the verge of retirement when he learns that his former partner, Tom Bishop, is being held on espionage charges in Beijing after attempting to free a Chinese prisoner. Though Muir’s loyalty and determination have faded significantly over the years, he insists on going to Bishop’s aid. (Rated R)



JIMMY NEUTRON
(FREE ADMISSION)
Saturday, Feb. 9, 7 p.m.
Animated

Jimmy and his friends await the opening night of the Retroland Amusement Park. When his parents forbid him to go, he and his friends sneak out. While having the time of his life, Jimmy wishes that his parents would vanish. Meanwhile, all the parents are kidnapped by aliens. Celebrating the absence of their parents, Jimmy and his classmates quickly discover that they have no one to turn to when things don’t go right. They not only need, but WANT their parents back. (Rated G)

HOW HIGH

Saturday, Feb. 9, 9 p.m.
Starring, Method Man, Redman



Desperate to diversify the student body, Chancellor Huntley lures Jamal and Silas to Harvard. Ivy League ways are strange, but Silas and Jamal take it in stride. Their exuberant personalities, however, clash with conservative Dean Cain. Dean Cain sets out to discredit Chancellor Huntley’s decision to recruit the duo. (Rated R)

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

The APG Library system has added the following items to its collection:



The Invisible Web: uncovering information sources search engines can’t see by Chris Sherman



Take It From Me: life’s a struggle but you can win by Erin Brockovich

Making the List: a cultural history of the American bestseller, 1900-1999 by Michael Korda



Why Didn’t I Think of That?: think the unthinkable and achieve creative greatness by Charles McCoy

Terror in the Mind of God: the global rise of religious violence by Mark Juergensmeyer



Dependent on D.C.: the rise of federal control over the lives of ordinary Americans by Charlotte Twight



A Convenient Spy: Wen Ho Lee and the politics of nuclear espionage by Dan Stober

The New Jackals: Ramzi Yousef, Osama Bin Laden and the future of terrorism by Simon Reeve



Terrorism and Kids: comforting your child by Fern Reiss

Deception in War: the art of the bluff, the value of deceit, and the most thrilling episodes of cunning in military history by Jon Latimer



You can receive a complete listing of the library’s new materials via e-mail and also reserve items electronically. Contact the library for details.

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Edgewood Area library is only open on Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

OC&S LIBRARY

The Ordnance Center and Schools Library is located in the basement of building 3071.

Hours are Monday and Thursday, noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday, noon to 7 p.m., and Friday, noon to 4 p.m.

CATHOLIC LENTEN SERVICES

Aberdeen chapel

<i>Wednesday, Feb. 13</i>	11:45 a.m., 6 p.m.	Ash Wednesday mass
<i>Each Wednesday</i>	6:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
<i>Friday, March 1</i>	11 a.m.	Adoration, Benediction
<i>Friday, March 1</i>	11:45 a.m.	First Friday mass
<i>Saturday, March 9</i>	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Adult Lenten Retreat
<i>Sunday, March 24</i>	8:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday mass
<i>Wednesday, March 27</i>	7 p.m.	Ecumenical Tenebrae Service
<i>Thursday, March 28</i>	11:45 a.m.	Holy Thursday mass
<i>Friday, March 29</i>	12 p.m.	Stations, Seven Last Words
<i>Saturday, March 30</i>	8 p.m.	Easter Vigil
<i>Sunday, March 31</i>	8:30 a.m.	Easter Sunday mass
(The Protestant Easter Contata will be part of the morning service March 24, 10:15 a.m. at the Aberdeen Chapel.)		

Edgewood chapel

<i>Tuesday, Feb. 12</i>	5 to 7 p.m.	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
<i>Wednesday, Feb. 13</i>	11:45 a.m.	Ash Wednesday mass
<i>Each Thursday</i>	7 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
<i>Sunday, March 24</i>	10:45 a.m.	Palm Sunday mass
<i>Tuesday, March 26</i>	7 p.m.	Ecumenical Tenebrae Service
<i>Thursday, March 28</i>	7 p.m.	Holy Thursday mass
<i>Friday, March 29</i>	11:45 a.m.	Good Friday Solemn Liturgy
<i>Sunday, March 31</i>	10:45 a.m.	Easter Sunday mass

For more information, contact the Aberdeen Chapel, located in building 2485, at 410-278-4333. The Edgewood Chapel is located in building E-4620 and can be reached at 410-436-4109.



The Harlem Experience

Saturday, Feb. 23

Celebrate Black History month with a tour of Harlem, N.Y. Experience the history and renaissance of Harlem, starting with lunch at the world famous “Sylvia’s Restaurant”, the queen of soul food. After lunch, travel back in time when you tour the world famous Apollo Theater, the Cotton Club, and local museums. And there will still be plenty of free time for other sight-seeing and shopping. Travel in a deluxe motor coach. Tickets go on sale Jan. 28 at the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office in the AA Recreation Center, building 3326 and cost \$60 per person. Limited seats are available. A bus will pick-up ticketed passengers on and off APG starting at 7:30 a.m. For more information, contact Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or e-mail: earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.



Photo courtesy of WWW.READIO.COM
A vintage automobile sits in front of Sylvia’s restaurant on Malcolm X Boulevard in Harlem, N.Y. The famous soul food eatery is the first stop on MWR’s Harlem Experience tour on Feb. 23.

Organized lunchtime volleyball

Play for 10 consecutive Tuesdays beginning Feb. 12, Russell Gymnasium, building 3330, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Players must register in advance and teams will be formed each week before the start of play. Registration fee of \$10 covers 10 weeks of play. Officials will call all games. Locker rooms will be available for use and a towel service is included. Register through Feb. 1 at the APG Athletic Center, building 3300 and the AA Fitness Center, building 320. For more information, contact Donna Coyne at 410-278-3929 or e-mail: donna.coyne@usag.apg.army.mil.

Urban line dance lessons

Urban line dance lessons will be taught every Thursday for 10 weeks beginning Feb. 21, 7 to 8 p.m., in the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center Ballroom. Learn basic steps in the latest East Coast Urban Line and hand dances. Impress your friends with the New Jersey Hustle, the Cow Funk, the Swing, Jitterbug and even an old favorite like the Electric Slide. Meet new friends, get some great exercise, have a lot of fun, and learn what you need to help you survive social events and give you the courage to get out and dance. This 10-week session costs \$60 per person and will be held every Thursday through April 25. Registration will be held Jan. 17 through Feb. 14 at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326. Class is limited to 40 participants. For more information, contact Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or e-mail: earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.

Bowling Center announces specials

Lunch special
The lunch special for the week of Feb. 4 to 10 at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Bowling Center, building 2342, includes a cheeseburger sub, chips, drink and a free game of bowling for \$5.
Valentine’s Day Cosmic Scotch Doubles tournament
A Valentine’s Day Cosmic Scotch Doubles tournament will be held Sunday, Feb. 10 at 1 p.m. Cost to enter the tournament is \$9 per person or \$18 per couple for three games. The objective of scotch doubles is that women roll the first ball. If it is not a strike, the men pick up the remaining pin(s). If the women roll a strike, the men will roll the first ball in the next frame. The prize fund is based on 10 couples. First place is \$40.50; second place, \$24; and third place is \$16. Each high game receives \$14. For more information, call 410-278-4041.
Leagues forming
Any organization that would like to start a bowling league should contact the center. Bowl as many weeks as you want or set up a one- or two-day tournament.
Party planning
The center can plan a variety of parties to include organizational, birthday (Youth and adult), etc., at reasonable prices that include bowling.
Daily specials
Bowl during lunch for a \$1 per game; 1 to 6 p.m. for \$1.50 per game and 6 p.m. to closing for \$2.25 per game. On Saturday Cosmic Bowl is \$2.45 per game. Open bowling during the tournaments is \$2 per game.



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Local ski resorts offer free lift tickets

Ski Roundtop, Liberty Mountain Resort and Whitetail Mountain Resort are offering free lift tickets to active duty military personnel, paid and volunteer firefighters and police. The following dates/locations apply:
Feb. 12 at Ski Roundtop
Feb. 13 at Liberty Mountain Resort
Feb. 14 at Whitetail Mountain Resort
Tickets are valid until 5 p.m. each day and can be picked up beginning at 9 a.m. at the resort ticket windows the day of the event. Proper identification must be shown in order to get the free ticket. For more information, call Janie Waiters, Aberdeen Proving Ground Information, Ticketing and Registration office, 410-278-4011/4621.



Photo courtesy of www.skiroundtop.com
Snowmaking teams at Ski Roundtop made 8 to 10 inches of snow on the night of February 4, 2002, adding to the base of 12 to 28 inches.

MWR hosts cruise to Bahamas

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Office is hosting an eight- day cruise to the Bahamas from New York beginning May 19. Basic cost is \$459 plus \$140 for port tax. For more information, call Carlson Wagonlit Travel and ask for Debbie or Cathie at 1-877-588-8757 or 410-272-1549.



Photo by DEBI HORNE
By taking advantage of MWR’s cruise to the Bahamas, a picture like this one taken on Paradise Island, Bahamas, could fill a space in your photo album.

CA UPDATE

The following questions and answers about the garrison’s Commercial Activities Study are provided by the Commercial Activities Team.

The CA Hotline, 410-278-7414, is available 24 hours a day to record employees’ questions or concerns regarding the CA Study. Employees are also invited to send e-mail to CA.Hotline@usag.apg.army.mil. In addition, CA is a choice on the first page of the APG Web site, www.apg.army.mil.

Q On Sep. 19 there was a directive from President Bush’s administration stating “all jobs were to be competed or outsourced by 5 percent through Commercial Activities by 2002.” Aren’t we already 5 percent outsourced in the Garrison? So why is it necessary to have a CA study?

A Over the last decade, the only CA study brought to resolution at GAPG was the DOIM study, which we won. With the exception of military personnel positions converted to contract by direct conversion, there have been no positions outsourced under the authority of OMB Circular A-76. Increases in contract support and decreases in the numbers of government employees resulting from other actions over time are not considered in the correct initiative to study large percentages of the government workforce. The percentage goal referred to applies to overall numbers. It is not a directive to study 5 percent of the in-house workforce at any given location

Q At this late date, I thought that the Performance Work Statement was completed. Now it’s my understanding that there are certain positions the Garrison will be hiring and promoting for some time into the future. Doesn’t this take away from our credibility as far as our realignment is concerned?

A Directorate of Installation Operations managers will continue to fill vacant positions required for mission accomplishment up until the PWS is completed and the solicitation package is announced for competition. At that time, DIO managers will fill, on a temporary basis only, those positions that are under study.

Heart

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blood drawn and been to endless doctor visits and received more echocardiograms. Unfortunately, I didn’t keep up the exercise and diet routine. I gained weight and I started wheezing again. I knew what that meant. It had been a year since I had seen my cardiologist, and of course, the first thing he said was “What happened to you? You were doing so well.” So I tried exercising again, but not as strenuously as before. I kept taking my pills, the wheezing went away and I was feeling better. Three months later, I was diagnosed with diabetes, but that is another subject for another time. When I was first diagnosed with cardiomyopathy, I didn’t think my condition or my health would improve. But it did. I learned from my own experience that with proper medication, lots of exercise, weight loss and healthy eating habits, my hope for a long life and happy future exists.

Outlook tip



#6: Adding a Mailbox to Your Profile.

Note: You must have been granted access to this mailbox.
In Outlook, select the Tools menu item, then the Services option.
• With “Exchange Server” highlighted, select Properties.
• Click on the Advanced tab.
• Click on the Add button.
• Enter the mailbox name.
• Click on OK and OK again and the mailbox should have been added.
Tip: If the new mailbox is not added, use Outlook to find out the correct name.
• See Outlook Tip #6 located in the Outlook Tips Public Folder for more details.
• Select Public Folders, then All Public Folders, then APG, then Outlook Information and finally select Outlook Tips.

LEAVE DONATION

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program are:

Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)	(surgery)	William B. McLean (kidney failure)	Tami C. Rowland (maternity)
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)	Melanie A. Hoffman (parasinusitis, fibromyalgia condition)	Rebecca G. Mercer-Leto (heart attack)	Allan Scarborough (back surgery)
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant)	John C. Houck	Stacy Miller (maternity)	Sherry Schaffer
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema)	Stephen Howard (bone marrow transplant)	Sandra W. Miller (back surgery)	Lena Shelton
Tammy Budkey	Wayne A. Jaynes	John E. Mogan (surgery)	Motoko Stahl
Jane E. Calahan (surgery)	Evelyn K. Johnson (surgery)	Vincent L. Mohr (knee replacement)	Debra S. Stark (surgery)
Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery)	Marlin Julian (heart surgery)	Shirley A. Murphy (terminal illness)	Rachel Swearingen
Tracy H Coliano-Hirsch (maternity)	Mary B. Kane (surgery on leg)	Cecil Pennington (surgery)	Alison Tichenor (surgery)
Geraldine S. Cragg	Jennifer Keetley (maternity)	Debi L. Petosky (back surgery)	Sandra M. Wachter (surgery)
Dawn M. Crouse (surgery)	Beverly King (caring for husband)	Karen S Pense	Rosalind Walters-Kenion (maternity)
Rene de Pontbriand	William Klein	Mary E. Pettitway	Cecelia Walton (respiratory problems)
Tricia Lin Dietz	Nicole L. Klein (broken ankle)	Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)	Michael R. Willard
Fred Dill	Yvonne Lissimore (knee surgery)	Angela L. Reeves (maternity leave)	Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)
Joseph R. Dugan	Angela R. Little (neck and shoulder injury)	Michael Reynolds	Andrew M. Vaughn (brain tumor removed)
Messina Enderlein	Edna L. Lobodzinski (eye surgery)	Boyd J. Richards (care of mother)	Wanda L.Waldon (surgery)
Wayne Erb (wife is ill)		Denise Robinson (maternity)	Josephine O. Wojciechowski (care for elderly parents)
Denise M. Fox (maternity leave)		Ricky Ross (heart attack)	
Joyce C Green			
Michael L. Hitchcock			

For information about donating annual leave, call Dave Mial at 410-278-1524 or fax 410-278-7877.

Sports & Recreation

Company C, 1/115 dominates Company C, 143rd, 71-58

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Although it is a temporary tenant of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Company C, 1/115 Infantry is making its presence felt in Intramural Basketball. The team leads the Edgewood Division and showed why Jan. 30 with a dominating performance over Company C 143rd Ordnance Battalion.

Emmanuel Powell and David Benjamin controlled the boards in the first half, as the team breezed to a 35-24 halftime lead.

“We have a busy schedule but we’re doing well as a company team,” Company C 1/115 player-coach James Bowman said at the break. He added that the division is very competitive and quick, with so many talented players.

“They’re fast but they are young and they do make mistakes,” he said.

Company C 143rd coach Laron Scott said that his team is “coming together and building slowly.”

“We’ll be contenders at the end,” he said adding that plans for the second half included stopping rebounds and second shots.

“We’re ready to roll,” he said.

Company C 1/115 opened up a 43-24 lead three minutes into the half, but Company C 143rd’s John Witten was not to be denied, as he carried the team with some spectacular plays.

Down 45-26, Witten drew a shooting foul, made one of two at the line, then shot a three from mid-court moments later despite a pressing double-team from his opponents.

A stiff Company C 1/115 defense, consisting of Archie Powell, Samuel Wilson, Christian Downs, Terrance Driver and James Bowman battled every offensive spurt, keeping Company C 143rd shooters out of the paint for the most part and making them work for every shot made.

A three-pointer by Emmanuel Powell, who reentered the game, put Company C 1/115 up 56-35, with seven minutes left.

Witten shot another three, but an easy steal by Company C 1/115’s Bowman exemplified the ease with which the team overcame its opponents.

Impressively, Witten pressed on, at one point pulling down his own rebound, adding another three, then two more off a steal in the space of about 90 seconds. Witten also received help from Frank Lochner, Michael Quartucci, Oscar Garcia, Bradley Ellis and Brandon Bellamy.

In the closing minutes, a hustling Bellamy excelled on defense as Witten and Quartucci scored the teams’ final points.

Bowman said he was pleased the team rebounded from a four-point loss in the previous game.

“We corrected our mistakes and shot well tonight,” he said, adding that the team should finish the season in the top three.



Photos by YVONNE JOHNSON

Company C 143rd Ordnance Battalion’s John Witten, 42, pulls down a rebound as players jockey for position during the Jan. 30 game against Company C, 1/115 Infantry in Hoyle Gym. From left, Frank Lochner, 33 and Oscar Garcia, 53, Company C 143rd; and David Benjamin, 43, and Emmanuel Powell, 52, Company C, 1/115.

“We’ve got a good team that’s starting to come together,” Emmanuel Powell said. “Everything worked for us tonight.”

Benjamin added that the younger team had good skills and a height advantage.

“They had more height which usually means more trouble,” he said adding that his team’s chances for the post season are “just as good as the next team.”

Witten, an advanced individual training student from Cleveland, Ohio, said he was pleased with his play but would have liked the win.

“I love this team. We’re better than we showed tonight,” he said, adding that the best part about playing is “getting away from the training environment.”

“It’s fun, and it gets you out of the barracks,” he said.

Basketball Update

The following results were reported for Intramural Basketball for the week ending Feb. 1.

American Division

Results

Jan. 28

HHC 16th, 78; HST, 48

KUSAHC, 41; NCOA, 39

HHC 61st, 56; HHC 1/115, 33

Jan. 30

HHC 61st, 83; HST, 45

KUSAHC, 49; HHC 1/115, 25

HHC 16th, 45; NCOA, 40

Schedule

Feb. 11

6:30 p.m., KUSAHC vs. HST

7:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. HHC

61st

8:30 p.m., HHC 1/115 vs.

NCOA

Feb. 13

6:30 p.m., HHC 1/115 vs. HHC

61st

7:30 p.m., HHC 16th vs. HST

8:30 p.m., NCOA vs.

KUSAHC

Standings

HHC 61st

7-0

HHC 16th

6-1

KUSAHC

5-2

HST

2-5

NCOA

1-6

HHC 1/115

0-7

Edgewood Division

Results

Jan. 28

HHC 143rd, 56; Company C

143rd, 42

MRICD, 50; Company B

143rd, 47

Company A 143rd, 45;

NCOA, 40

Jan. 30

HHC 143rd, 53; Company B

143rd, 41

Company C 1/115, 71;

Company C 143rd, 58

MRICD, 50; Company A

143rd, 33

Schedule

Feb. 11

6:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs.

Company C 1/115

7:30 p.m., Company B 143rd

vs. Company A 143rd

8:30 p.m., Company C 143rd

vs. MRICD

Feb. 13

6:30 p.m., Company C 1/115

vs. Company A 143rd

7:30 p.m., Company B 143rd

vs. MRICD

8:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs.

Company C 143rd

Standings

Company C 1/115

5-2

MRICD

5-2

HHC 143rd

5-2

Company B 143rd

3-4

Company A 143rd

2-5

Company C 143rd

1-6

National Division

Results

Jan. 29

USAF, 67; 389th Band, 22

Company B 16th, 42;

Company C 16th, 27

Company E 16th, 37; USMC,

35

Jan. 31

Company B 16th, 41; USAF,

28

Company C 16th, 45; USMC,

42

Company A 16th, 54; 389th

Band, 29

Schedule

Feb. 12

6:30 p.m., Company A 16th

vs. Company E 16th

7:30 p.m., 389th Band vs.

USMC

8:30 p.m., USAF vs.

Company C 16th

Feb. 14

6:30 p.m., Company E 16th

vs. USAF

7:30 p.m., Company B 16th

vs. 389th BAND

8:30 p.m., Company C 16th

vs. Company A 16th

Standings

Company B 16th

6-0

USAF

4-2

Company E 16th

3-2

389th

1-3

Company C 16th

3-3

USMC

1-4

Company A 16th

1-5

EA girls support Marine Corps toy drive

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Members of Aberdeen Proving Ground’s Youth Services continue to aid the surrounding community through community service projects.

In a recent venture, Edgewood Area Youth Center members of Smart Girls and Teen Supreme collected donated toys for the Toys for Tots program in December and delivered them to the Festival Recruiting Station in Bel Air.

Led by Nikita Pannell, 12, secretary of Smart Girls, six teens and two center staff

members delivered the toys to U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgts. Anthony J. Hines and Jerry A. Garner.

“They were happy to accept the toys and we were glad to help,” Pannell said, adding that toys were donated by the Boys and Girls Club organization with which the AA/EA youth centers are affiliated.

The girls unloaded the toys, and Pannell gave a short speech officially presenting the toys for the program and thanking the Marines for accepting them.

“They accepted them gratefully,”

Pannell said. “We took pictures, thanked them for their time and went on our way.”

She added that the members were pleased to know that their efforts would brighten a needy child’s holiday.

Pannell credited center director Carlos Phillips with coming up with the idea.

Along with Pannell, the other participants included Angela Hayward, Veronica Higgins, Tamara Sharp, Dekeisha Swint and Judith Vazquez and staff members Lucinda McDowell, middle school assistant program manager and Catherine Hanlon, teen program leader.



Photo courtesy of EDGEWOOD YOUTH CENTER
Tamara Sharp, of the Edgewood Area Youth Center’s Smart Girl program, hugs one of the many stuffed animals and toys the group donated to the Toys for Tots program through the Marine Corps Recruiting Command in Bel Air.



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From left, Nikita Pannell and Angela Hayward present donated toys to Marine Staff Sgts. Anthony Hines and Jerry Garner of the Marine Corps Recruiting Station in Bel Air. The girls led the Toys for Tots donation effort through the Aberdeen Youth Center’s Smart Girls and Teen Supreme programs.

Applications for scholarships available to help feds with tuition

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Applications for scholarships from the Federal Employee Education and Assistance, or FEEA, program are available.

FEEA, a charity that helps federal employees and their families in need, designed the scholarships to help federal employees or their dependents pay for college tuition.

The scholarships are merit-based, and applicants must carry at least a 3.0 grade point average. Applicants may be high school seniors, full-time college students or graduate students.

Federal employee applicants may be part-

time students, but must have at least three years of civilian federal or postal service.

FEEA has awarded more than \$3 million in college scholarships to federal and postal employees and their family members during the past 16 years.

Scholarships range from \$300 to \$1,500 per student, depending on the amount of federal employee donations received by FEEA through the Combined Federal Campaign.

(Editor’s note: For more information on this, visit <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0102/012802t2.htm>.)

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